

In the Specification

Please make the following amendments to the description in the Substitute Specification:

1. On page 5, header, line 23: "~~Detailed Description~~Description of the Invention"
2. On page 6, the paragraph lines 27 to 32:

"The other monomers (M₂) participating in the copolymer of the invention are chosen from the following monomers:

- styrene derivatives,
- (meth)acrylic derivatives resulting in polymers with high Tg values, such as norbornyl acrylate or methyl methacrylate,
- acrylonitrile and methacrylonitrile."

3. On page 16, Example 7, lines 19 – 25:

"**Example 7:** example of the use of a gradient copolymer solution in the manufacture of solvent or aqueous gels.

10 g of the copolymer of example 2b are diluted in 90 g of methyl ethyl ketone. 0.8 g of propyldiamine is added to the medium with stirring and a gel is ~~instantaneously~~ instantaneously obtained.

10 g of the copolymer of example 7 are diluted in 90 ml of methyl ethyl ketone. 2 g of ethanol diisopropylamine are added to the medium. The medium remains fluid. 180 g of water are added to this solution. An aqueous gel is obtained."